

**COX AND WILLOW HILL**  
Two Historic Estates Bought By the Virginia Trunk and Bag Company.

## NEWSOM IS DISCHARGED

Not a True Bill Against Watchman for Shooting An Intruder.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PETERSBURG, VA., March 15.—"Maycox" and "Willow Hill," two historic "Ole Virginia" estates on James River, have been bought by the Virginia Trunk and Bag Company, of this city, for about twenty-five thousand dollars, mainly for the large amount of timber on the two places, there being about eight hundred acres of woodland. Both farms are in Prince George county and adjoin. "Maycox" is opposite "Westover," and contains five hundred and sixty acres; "Willow Hill," eleven hundred and sixty-one acres. J. W. Hine, of Jamestown, N. Y., has owned these for many years, and had remodeled the dwellings on both plantations. The Virginia Trunk and Bag Company is a prosperous corporation here, of which Henry L. Plummer is president and Charles D. Witherspoon is secretary and treasurer.

**NEWSOM ACQUITTED.**  
Jack Newsom, a young watchman at the Seward Trunk and Bag Company's plant, was discharged in the Hustings Court today, the grand jury returning "no true bill" against him in the case of his shooting George H. Blankenship, a young white man, who refused to obey Newsom's order to come out of one of the buildings where he was found by the watchman several nights ago. Blankenship soon recovered from his wounds, and the leg, which had been sent on from the Mayor's Court and aroused much interest.

The case of the negro boy, Archie Bland, who shot and killed his colored companion, Clifford Rookins, was set for trial Monday, April 23, at the next term of the court. Bland's indictment today obviates the preliminary hearing before the Mayor, which had been set for tomorrow, after several postponements.

The well known case against the colored lawyer, A. W. Harris, charged with conspiring with a negro porter named Robert Trainor in the theft of two boxes of cotton from the commission house of Arlington and Green, was set for trial April 24.

**FOR THE POSTOFFICE.**  
A government building inspector, who was looking over some small improvements at the postoffice here today, highly commended the proposed enlargement of the building, and remarked to General Bolling that he could hardly see how the work of the office could be carried on in such cramped quarters. Postmaster R. H. Bolling is very optimistic about the prospects of Representative Southall's bill appropriating seventy-five thousand for the enlargement.

Mr. Henry Bland, a well known young farmer, connected with the construction department of the Tidewater Railroad, was knocked unconscious by a blacksmith with a hammer handle, while paying off some workmen near Courtland a few days ago. Mr. Bland was unconscious for two days, but is now convalescent at Courtland.

The Fourth District Democratic Committee will meet at the Chesterfield Hotel here tomorrow evening to fix the date and make arrangements for the congressional primary.

## DOG TAX QUESTION.

Tax is Proving a Source of Revenue to Mecklenburg County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOYDTON, VA., March 15.—Mr. H. L. Petty, of North View, has sold his farm, containing two hundred and seventy-five acres, to the county of Mecklenburg for \$1,750, an average of a little over \$17 per acre. The price paid is not considered high, as it has upon it good improvements, and is in a high state of cultivation.

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## NEW APPOINTMENTS.

J. Gordon Bohannon Commonwealth's Attorney for Surrey.

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WAVELLY, VA., March 15.—Judge J. F. West, of the Third Judicial Circuit, to-day appointed J. Gordon Bohannon Commonwealth's Attorney for Surrey county, and George T. Clarke, commissioner of accounts, to all the vacancies occasioned by the death of the late J. B. Seward.

## Green Bay Leaves.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GREEN BAY, VA., March 15.—The meeting of the Order of Railway Telegraphers which was held in the city of Washington last week, had its results. The agent and operator at the point has been notified that his salary will be increased from April 1st.

The Southern Railway has within the last week improved the yard around the station with large quantities of stone and sand.

**Best American Granulated Sugar 4 1/2c lb.**  
Canned Tomatoes and Sugar Corn, can 6c.  
Butter Biscuits, something nice package, 4c.

Can Salmon ..... 10c  
Fresh Soda Crackers and Ginger Snaps, per pound ..... 4c  
Silver King, best Flour sold, 30c bag or barrel ..... \$4.75  
Good Salt Pork, per pound ..... 7c  
Best City Meal, 15c peck; per bushel ..... 60c  
Evaporated Peaches, per pound ..... 11c  
5-lb. bags Prepared Buckwheat ..... 20c  
Good Lard, 7c; Best Lard ..... 9c  
1-lb. Brick Boneless Cod Fish, per pound ..... 4c  
Best Elgin Butter, per pound ..... 25c  
Fat Mackerel ..... 5c

## S. ULLMAN'S SON, STORES

1820-22 East Main St.  
506 East Marshall St.  
Phones at Each Store.

## DISASTROUS FIRE IN BIG LUMBER PLANT

Bristol Suffers a Heavy Loss With Small Insurance.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, VA., March 15.—Bristol Virginia was visited by a disastrous fire early this morning, entailing a loss of about \$50,000, with less than \$27,000 insurance.

The plant of J. Wilkinson Lumber Company was destroyed together with a large quantity of lumber, manufactured articles and machinery. This company's loss is \$50,000, with only \$12,000 insurance. Adams Brothers and Company, dealers in building material, lost a portion of one of their buildings, and a large quantity of material. Their loss is about \$12,000 and is covered by insurance.

Nine freight cars, a part of them loaded with finished material from the Wilkinson plant, were included in the loss.

The volunteer firemen were powerless to save the plant. The fire originated in the boiler room of the Wilkinson plant. Mr. Wilkinson, the principal owner of the Wilkinson plant is in Europe.

**Harrison—Lyne.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHESTERFIELD, VA., March 15.—Benjamin Harrison and Miss Madeline Lyne were married last evening in the Methodist Church, here, at 6:15 o'clock. Mr. Harrison is from Ohio and Miss Lyne is a daughter of H. C. Lyne, of Centralia, Va.

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns, evergreens and flowers and brilliantly lighted, to match the scene. Mr. Hall was the best man, and Miss Siddle Lyne, the maid of honor. The following were bridesmaids, Miss Margaret Thompson, Miss Mary Hatcher, Miss Beulah Hatcher and Miss Kate Parsons. The ushers were Mr. W. W. Friend, Mr. Fred James, Mr. Wright and Mr. Robert Thomas. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. J. Taylor, presided at the organ.

The marriage couple left for Washington, D. C., and will return to the bride's home at Centralia, Saturday night, and will leave for the home of the groom at Columbus, O., Tuesday.

**Swift—Sinclair.**  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 15.—Mr. R. M. Swift, formerly of this city, now of Baltimore, and Miss Addie Helen Sinclair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sinclair, of Baltimore, were married here at 5 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the groom's grandmother, Mrs. S. E. Eims, at "The Elms," on Third street, here. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Dunaway, officiated, assisted by Rev. R. A. Williams. The parlors were beautifully decorated and a large number of friends of the bride and groom, both of this city and from distant points, were present. After the ceremony elegant refreshments were served in elaborate style. Mr. and Mrs. Swift left for a bridal trip South.

**James Franklin Goes Free.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., March 15.—The case of James Franklin, formerly of Bedford City, Va., indicted jointly with Dr. L. B. Chiles, for the murder of Miss Sarah Atkinson, whose death followed an alleged criminal operation, has been postponed, and Franklin is now a free man.

Dr. Chiles, the principal in the case, was tried and acquitted last month.

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## CHURCH OF JAPAN IS AGREED UPON

Methodists of North and South to Unite in Forwarding Mission Work.

## FIRST CONVENTION NEXT YEAR

This Will Be Held in Tokio in May—Over Seven Thousand Members.

(By Associated Press.)  
BALTIMORE, MD., March 15.—At a meeting here today of representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Methodist Episcopal Church, North, acting under the authority conferred by the general conferences of the two churches, there was formed the Methodist Episcopal Church of Japan. These taking part in the conference, included Bishop Earl Krinstein, of Washington, and Rev. Dr. C. W. Smith, of Pittsburgh, both of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore; Bishop Charles W. Galloway, of Jackson, Miss.; Rev. Dr. James Atkins, of Nashville, and Rev. Dr. W. R. Lambuth, of Nashville, representing the Southern Methodists.

The agreement under which the new church was formed, provides that at the next annual conference of the two churches in Japan, there shall be selected delegates to the first convention, which is to be held at Tokio, in May, 1907, when the actual life of the new church will begin. The Methodist Episcopal Church of Japan will start with three annual conferences, more than 100 missionaries, 7,000 members, 150 Sunday-schools with 12,500 scholars, 29 schools and colleges, with 3,000 students, a publishing house and more than \$200,000 worth of property.

## PURE FOOD SHOW.

Large Crowds Yesterday and Everything Went With Whirl.

The Richmond Pure Food Show entered upon the third day of its career yesterday, and the crowds all day were rather brighter than those of the first two days. In consequence of a heavy rain, the show was somewhat less than the first two days, but the crowds were still large. The show was held at the Hotel Richmond, and the crowds were still large. The show was held at the Hotel Richmond, and the crowds were still large.

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## CALOMEL LAXO

Laxo is an ethical, vegetable substitute for calomel. Its effects are just as good or better, without any of the dangers of salivation or bono-corrosion which follow the use of calomel.

It makes your liver make you a new person.

35c per Bottle.

PURELY VEGETABLE

TAUGHT HER CLASSES WHILE ILL IN BED

Miss S. A. Moseley Brought to Hospital Here Suffering With Nervous Prostration.

Suffering from nervous prostration aggravated by reason of her devoted efforts to instruct her pupils while she lay ill in bed, Miss S. A. Moseley, principal of the public school at La Grange, Va., was brought to Richmond yesterday afternoon and was last night taken to the Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Her condition, while not necessarily serious, is the cause of much worry among her friends and relatives. She was brought here by a friend, who is a teacher in the school, and she is now in the hospital, where she is being treated by Dr. J. H. Crawford, of the hospital.

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## DR. G. B. STRICKLER FAVORS FEDERATION

General Discussion of the Union of Presbyterian Churches.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 15.—At the meeting of the committee on closer relations of the Presbyterian churches of America, held today, there was a spirited discussion on organic union. Dr. J. R. Howerton, of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, led the discussion in favor of such a union. Dr. G. B. Strickler, of Richmond, replied, saying that Dr. Howerton had no authority from the Southern Presbyterian Church to advocate the union. This was followed by a general discussion of the articles of federation.

At the evening session the federation conference of the churches of the Presbyterian faith adopted, with slight changes, the seventeen articles of agreement formulated at Pittsburgh in 1904. The official title of the council will be the Council of Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System. The seventeen articles will be known as the articles of agreement.

The council will hold biennial sessions, and will have four officers—president, vice-president, treasurer, stated clerks. Each constituent church will be entitled to four representatives for each of the four general church matters—in short, the general welfare of the kingdom of Christ, as represented by the seven churches of the council. Each church retains its own creed, government, individuality and form of worship. Every church of the council becomes co-operative, shall be ruled by the general synods of the respective churches.

The conference will conclude its business with the session to-morrow morning.

## CONSPIRACY AT ANNAPOLIS AGAINST HIGH SCHOLARSHIP

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 15.—Midshipmen at Annapolis have been conspiring to prevent a high standard of scholarship, according to the statements of Secretary Bonaparte before the House Committee on Naval Affairs today. Brilliance has been discouraged, and a sort of "middle grade" has been maintained. The general welfare of the kingdom of Christ, as represented by the seven churches of the council. Each church retains its own creed, government, individuality and form of worship. Every church of the council becomes co-operative, shall be ruled by the general synods of the respective churches.

## HE ATTENDED WEDDING OF ROOSEVELT'S MOTHER

(By Associated Press.)  
ATLANTA, GA., March 15.—Rev. William D. Shea, one of the oldest and best known ministers in the South, died at his home here today, aged 67 years. Mr. Shea, who in his early life was a resident of Roswell, Ga., was an attendant at the wedding of President Roosevelt's mother. He was superannuated in 1893, when he returned to Atlanta, where the remainder of his life was passed.

## LEO WHEAT INSANE.

Noted Richmond Musician Has Been Admitted to Hospital.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Professor L